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FOR SCHNEIDER FROM KRATZER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TECH, IN

SUBJECT: TARAPUR: DECLASSIFICATION OF JUNE 29 LETTERS

REF: NEW DELHI 10131

1. PLEASE CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND TO SETHNA FOR THE PROMPT AND HELPFUL INDIAN COOPERATION WITH REGARD TO DECLASSIFICATION OF THE HEAVY WATER LETTER. WE PROVIDED SANITIZED VERSION WITH THE DELETIONS NOTED IN OUR EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS TO THE JOINT ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE THIS AFTERNOON (JULY 9) ALONG WITH A DECLASSIFIED COPY OF THE BUYBACK LETTER.

2. YOU CAN CONFIRM TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOI WITH REGARD TO DECLASSIFICATION. THE LETTER STANDS ON ITS OWN, IN BOTH CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED VERSIONS, AND IN LINE WITH THE EARLIER INDIAN REQUEST, THE GOI IS NOT IN ANY WAY DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED.

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3. IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF FACTUAL CHANGES, WE

DECIDED NOT TO ALTER THE DATES RELATING TO MEGAWATT DAYS AND HAVE STAYED WITH THE "PRIOR TO 1965" LANGUAGE SINCE, AS YOU INDICATE, THE MEANING IS UNCHANGED FROM SETHNA'S

PREFERRED "BY THE END OF 1964." HOWEVER, WE HAVE INCLUDED THE 1964 DATE FOR ROUTINE CIRUS OPERATIONS, NOTING IN THE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE THAT THE 1966 DATE IN THE ORIGINAL JUNE 29 HEAVY WATER LETTER WAS AN INADVERTENT ERROR, THE CORRECTION OF WHICH DID NOT AFFECT THE THRUST OF THE SENTENCE INVOLVED. WE HAVE ALSO ADVISED THE NRC OF THIS CORRECTION.

4. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO GIVE THE INDIANS THE TEXT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED LETTERS? OUR OWN PREFERENCE IS TO HOLD OFF UNTIL THEY ENTER THE PUBLIC DOMAIN BUT WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS BEFORE DECIDING.

5. JULY 8 AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, THE DEPARTMENT SENT THE NRC THE TEXT OF OUR PROPOSED PRESENTATION FOR THE JULY 20 PUBLIC HEARING. WE ARE AIRPOUCHING COPIES TO DELHI AND BOMBAY. STATEMENT WHICH IS OVER 30 PAGES LONG BREAKS NO NEW GROUND, BUT REITERATES USG SUPPORT FOR ISSUANCE OF 845 FOR REASONS ALREADY ELABORATED IN EARLIER PUBLIC EXCHANGES WITH THE NRC. KISSINGER

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